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Overview

During September the Command investigated 3 additional crashes as compared to August. The one fatal crash was investigated by NHP personnel at the request of the White Pine County Sheriff's Office. The number of impaired drivers involved in crashes declined by 1/3.

The number of commercial vehicles involved in crashes during September is causing concern as they increased by 33% and accounted for 30% of the total crashes investigated. Also the percentage in which the commercial driver was at fault, 71%, is creeping back to the high percentage from several years past.

Overall enforcement activity dropped by 15% with major declines in speed and hazardous moving violations. These issues will be addressed with the District Sergeants. The bright side was the increase in the number of occupant restraint violations and the continued efforts of removing impaired drivers prior to a crash.

Commercial operations personnel conducted 6.4% more inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers. This led to an increase in the number of violations discovered, safety citations issued and drivers placed "out of service." Despite weighing fewer vehicles, commercial personnel issued 33% more overweight citations.

Traffic operations personnel conducted 266 level 2 & 3 inspections of commercial vehicles and their drivers resulting in 307 violations discovered in which 101 safety citations were issued. Twenty-one drivers and eleven vehicles were placed "out of service."

Support Services personnel had decreases in the majority of categories tracked.

There are issues that need to be addressed with specific areas and operations. This will be completed to ensure that efforts are being placed in the correct areas.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	September-07		September-06	% Change		August-07	% Change
Total Crashes	80		84	-4.8%		77	3.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	58		59	-1.7%		55	5.5%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	21		21	0.0%		20	5.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	1*		4	-75.0%		2	-50.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	4		7	-42.9%		6	-33.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	1		5	-80.0%		2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	0		1	-100.0%		1	-100.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	24		21	14.3%		18	33.3%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	21		16	31.3%		14	50.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	3		5	-40.0%		4	-25.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.3%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 5.0%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 0.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 30.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- During September, the total number of crashes increased by 3.9% or 3 additional, but declined by 4.8% when compared to last year.
- One person was killed in the only fatal crash occurring in September. *This crash was not on a roadway with Highway Patrol jurisdiction. The crash was investigated by NHP at the request of White Pine County Sheriff's Office. The deceased occupant was utilizing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.
- There were four crashes involving impaired drivers, down 33% from August. The average BAC for the impaired drivers is unavailable as the individual results have not yet returned.
- There were 24 crashes involving a commercial vehicle during September for a 33% increase over August. The 24 crashes accounted for 30% of the total crashes in the Command. This disturbing trend will be addressed through enhanced enforcement efforts. Of the 24 crashes, 17 or 71% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. Fifteen of the 24 crashes occurred on Interstate 80 the remaining 37.5% occurring on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	September-07		September-06	% Change		August-07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	4		7	-42.9%		6	-33.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	23		25	-8.0%		22	4.5%
Other Arrests	101		140	-27.9%		97	4.1%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	55		78	-29.5%		59	-6.8%
Speed violations	1274		1824	-30.2%		1754	-27.4%
Hazardous moving violations	150		151	-0.7%		168	-10.7%
Occupant restraint violations *	175		297	-41.1%		151	15.9%
Total violations [above violations included]	2539		3164	-19.8%		2988	-15.0%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	22		26	-15.4%		19	15.8%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	15		11	36.4%		6	150.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	545		496	9.9%		512	6.4%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	118		75	57.3%		97	21.6%
Total safety violations -- repair order	795		704	12.9%		771	3.1%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	36		27	33.3%		39	-7.7%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	26		19	36.8%		12	116.7%
Total school buses inspected	30		0	3000.0%		101	-70.3%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	7		0	700.0%		24	-70.8%
Total trucks weighed	196		905	-78.3%		237	-17.3%
Total overweight citations	16		9	77.8%		12	33.3%
Total dyed fuel inspections	499		482	3.5%		472	5.7%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- During September the Command experienced a 15% decline, or 449 fewer violations, in overall enforcement activity. Major declines were noted in speed violations, 27.4%, and hazardous moving violations, 10.7%. Increases occurred in other arrests, 4.1% and occupant restraint violations, 15.9%.
- There were 23 arrests or impaired drivers during September, which is one additional than in August. The average BAC for those impaired drivers was .148.
- Commercial operations personnel conducted 33 more inspections in September for a 6.4% increase. With the additional inspections conducted came increases in the number of violations discovered, 3.1% and the number of safety citations issued, 21.6%. There was a 116% increase in the number of drivers placed "out of service."

- The number of vehicles weighed dropped by over 17%. However, the number of overweight citations issued increased by 1/3. Of the 196 vehicles weighed during September, 185 were conducted on secondary roadways during 286 hours of directed enforcement.
- There were 499 vehicles inspected for dyed fuel. Of the total, 173 were conducted on secondary roadways during 99 hours of directed enforcement.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
September-07	266	101	307	21	11	225	0
September-06	623	178	572	51	N/A	515	0
% Change	-57.3%	-43.3%	-46.3%	-58.8%		-56.3%	0.0%

September-07	266	101	307	21	11	225	0
August-07	260	130	253	20	6	224	0
% Change	2.3%	-22.3%	21.3%	5.0%	83.3%	0.4%	0.0%

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 266 level 2 and 3 inspections during September. This is a drastic decline from September 2006; however, the high number then was due to Strike Force overtime for commercial inspections. With the 266 inspections conducted in September 2007 there were 307 safety violations discovered which resulted in 101 safety citations being issued. There were 21 drivers and 11 vehicles placed "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	September-07		September-06	% Change		August-07	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER							
Radio Transmissions	57,019		89,201	-36.1%		64,951	-12.2%
CAD incidents	7,827		11,991	-34.7%		10,484	-25.3%
Telephone Calls	8,952		11,702	-23.5%		10,407	-14.0%
Call Box Incidents	8		26	-69.2%		23	-65.2%
FRONT OFFICE							
Accident Reports Processed	73		68	7.4%		77	-5.2%
Arrest Reports Processed	36		109	-67.0%		33	9.1%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8		21	-61.9%		12	-33.3%
COURT / WARRANT							
Warrants Received	168		452	-62.8%		201	-16.4%
Warrants Entered	142		361	-60.7%		192	-26.0%
Warrants Cleared	207		280	-26.1%		159	30.2%
Warrants Validated	1858		2300	-19.2%		1266	46.8%
Extradition / Transports	4		14	-71.4%		6	-33.3%
EVIDENCE							
New Cases Submitted	6		54	-88.9%		20	-70.0%
New Items Submitted	15		119	-87.4%		50	-70.0%
Items Disposed	224		500	-55.2%		157	42.7%

Contract Service overtime was 275 hours during 8 escorts totalling \$18,512.

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- The larger declines in all areas when compared to September 2006 are due to the decrease in the size of the Command with the recent restructuring.
- For the Communications Center, there were double digit declines in all captured categories.
- Front Office personnel processed 5 fewer reports in September as compared to August.
- There was a decline in the number of warrants received which corresponded to a decline in the number of warrants entered. The number of warrants that were cleared increased by over 30% and the number of warrants validated increased by almost 47%.
- There was a decline in the number of new cases in which evidence was submitted which led to a decline in the number of items submitted.

PERSONNEL

- During September, Troopers Donald Plowman and James Simpson were promoted to Sergeant and assigned to the Elko duty station.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Safety presentations were given to Barrick (approximately 200 persons) and Major Drilling (approximately 10 persons).
- Division personnel participated in the Elko Car Show parade and safety booth with the rollover simulator.
- Division personnel participated in the Vehicle Safety Awareness Fair at the Elko City Park with the rollover simulator.
- Division personnel participated in the escort of local soldiers returning from Iraq.

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